## 2010 Veterans Annual Homelessness Assessment Report Fact Sheet:

- Of the estimated 76,329 veterans who were homeless for the single-night count, 57 percent (43,437) were "sheltered," meaning they were living in an emergency shelter or in transitional housing. Forty-three percent (32,892) were "unsheltered," meaning they spent the night in a place not meant for someone to stay, such as streets, abandoned buildings or encampments. The one-year estimate was entirely made up of sheltered homeless veterans.
- During October 2009 to September 2010, 144,842 veterans were homeless for at least one night, a 3 percent drop compared to the 2009 assessment, which reported 149,635 veterans spent at least one night on the streets or in shelters.
- Due to a more accurate counting system that allows HUD and VA to track homeless vets served through both agencies homeless programs, HUD and VA revised the assessment of the number of homeless to 149,635 veterans that were homeless for at least a single night. With the new methodology, HUD and VA calculate a 3 percent drop in homeless vets from 2009 to 2010.
- Veterans are overrepresented in the homeless population. While 9.5 percent of Americans over 18 are veterans, veterans represent 16 percent of the adult homeless population at a point in time.
- Veterans tend to be more financially secure than non-veterans just one in every 150 veterans overall is homeless, and the poverty rate for veterans is half that of non-veterans. But for veterans who lose that financial security, homelessness is a far greater risk: One in nine veterans living in poverty was homeless in 2010.
- The "typical sheltered veteran" is a white male between 51 and 61 years old and living with a disability. Men represent 93 percent of veterans; 53 percent of veterans are white (although veterans of color are at a greater risk of becoming homeless than white veterans); 42 percent are between 51 and 61 years old; and 51 percent are living with a disability.
- Women who are veterans are more than twice as likely to be homeless compared to
  women who are not veterans, and veterans between ages 18 and 30 are also twice as
  likely to be homeless as young non-veterans.
- Every state in the nation has some level of veteran homelessness. Four states California (home to 25 percent of homeless veterans), Florida, New York and Texas account for half of the homeless veterans in the country, despite accounting for 32 percent of the nation's population.